



# Westkirk PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Weekly

## **This Week's Activities March 5-12, 2017**

### **Today**

New Members Received  
First Service - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes - all ages - 10:15 a.m.  
Second Service - 11:15 a.m.  
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.

### **Monday**

Commission/Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday**

Women's Bible Study, East Wing, 1:00 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry, Hospitality Room, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Deerfield, 10:00 a.m.  
WOW Worship, Sanctuary, 6:15 p.m.  
Classes for Children, Students and Adults, 6:30 p.m.  
Best Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday**

Dorcas Circle, HR, 1:00 p.m.  
American Heritage Girls Troop Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Faith Seekers Alliance Housekirk, 7:00 p.m.

### **Saturday**

Early Risers Housekirk, 8:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, March 12**

Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Communion Sunday  
Glen Oaks, 2:00 p.m.  
Choir, Sanctuary, 4:00 p.m.  
One Ancient Hope Housekirk, HR, 5:30 p.m.  
Coram Deo Housekirk, 6:30 p.m.

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**Our Weekly Concerns.** New additions will be listed in bold print, and names will be removed upon request. Names left on for more than 3 weeks will be removed at the discretion of the office. Please keep these friends in your prayers: **Pastor Todd Stiles and First Family Church**, Carolyn Barnes, **Robert Barnes**, Roma Bassett, Beth Boeckemeier, Darlene Denison, Jessica Ellsbury, Ellen Kinnaird, Marie McGhee, **Tom and Dianne Paplham**, Don Powers, Debi Sabbann, Dwight Uitermarkt. **Condolences to:** Bill and Kirstin Knight and family on the death of Bill's mother, Debbie Ann Hines; Diane Leonard and family on the death of her father, Thomas Perrigo; Craig and Rene Van Gundy and family on the death of his grandmother Betty's husband, Howard Haugen; **Eric and Tracey Willcox and family and friends on the death of their son, Benjamin Berry; Family and friends of Robert Buchanan on his death.**

**Legislators for the week:** Jim Carlin, Cecil Dolecheck, Kristi Hager, Bobby Kaufmann, Rob Taylor, Todd E. Taylor, John H. Wills, Mary Lynn Wolfe, Rita Hart, Pam Jochum, Matt McCoy, Herman C. Quirnbach.



**Vacation Bible School.** VBS is coming to Westkirk July 9-13, 2017, and the planning is in full gear! The theme for the year is 'A Mighty Fortress--In Jesus the Victory is Won', and is one to get super excited about. Here's the website, and on it you'll find a video clip if you'd like to see what it's all about. [http://](http://www.concordiasupply.com/Vacation-Bible-School/Mighty-Fortress-VBS-2017-Concordia)

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Many hands, of any and **all** stages of life, are needed to help make VBS a success! This is an all-church event! Please contact Benae Duff at (515) 707-9072 or [benaeduff@gmail.com](mailto:benaeduff@gmail.com) and ask how you can help! People are needed for the following areas: Promotion, Decorating, Registration, Opening/Closing, Bible Challenge, Crafts, and Games, and more--both during the week of VBS, and for preparation beforehand! Thank you!

**Game Night.** Chris Rohloff and Ryan Northfield will be hosting a game night in the Hospitality Room from 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17. Come have family-friendly fun with friends! Anyone who loves board and card games is welcome! You can optionally bring your own games. If pizza is desired, please contact Chris Rohloff or Ryan Northfield.

**Women's Bible Study.** Our next study, will begin this Tuesday, March 7, from the book of Malachi. It will be an eight session video/workbook program. Please join us in the East Wing from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. To sign up or if you have questions, email Regi Donaldson at [regidonaldson@live.com](mailto:regidonaldson@live.com) or call at 515-276-6263.

**Dorcas Circle** will meet on this Thursday, March 9, in the Hospitality Room at 1:00 p.m. where we will continue our theme of "My Favorite Bible Verse." Donna Nelson will present David and his writings, primarily the Psalms. Please come and join us and bring your favorite Bible verse from the Psalms to share with everyone. Our hostess is Irene Reed. A reminder - please bring socks for the ladies at the House of Damaris in Athens, Greece. Westkirk's team will be taking items with them on their mission trip.

**Lunch and Learn.** On Tuesday, March 14, from 12:00 to 1:00 in the Hospitality Room, Westkirk Lunch and Learn will meet for a meal of sloppy joes and other good things. Pastor Paul and Donna Nelson will present pictures and narrative about their recent trip east including a visit to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky. Please be sure to sign up on the Connect Card by Sunday, March 12.

**The Voices of Zambia** is an Africa worship experience that will be coming to Westkirk on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Come feel God's power and love transcend language and culture. Experience moving worship performed by students from the International Bible College of Zambia. They will perform original, multi-lingual songs in a worship experience you will never forget! We still need a couple of hosts for the musicians. You would provide a light meal Wednesday evening after they perform and breakfast Thursday before you bring them back to Westkirk. If you would be interested in hosting a couple of the students, sign up on the Connect Card or contact Sue at [sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com](mailto:sue.holcomb@holcombcorp.com).

**This Month's Communion Offering** will be for furniture for the Freedom For Youth Coffee House which is scheduled to open at the end of April. Donations will go towards bar stools (30 needed at \$44 each) and 50 Chairs (\$34 each). Checks may be written to Westkirk but please indicate it is for the Freedom For Youth Communion Offering! The Coffee Shop will serve the public from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The rest of the time will be used for training the young people who are working hard to better their lives. The facility will also serve as a place for worship, mentoring and training for FFY ministry programs.

**Iowa Capitol Project.** Once a month during the legislative session at the Iowa House and Senate, Pastor Michael spends a morning at the Capitol meeting and praying with our state legislators. He makes a point to find our senator, Brad Zaun, our representative, John Forbes, and the House Majority Leader, Chris Hagenow, a friend of Westkirk. In addition, he will try to meet with other legislators who are struggling or need encouragement or prayer. Last week one legislator became emotional under the pressure of the collective bargaining debate. Another has come to repentance and faith. Michael has met with those working on the human trafficking issue - to thank them for their work; and also linked up folks in the Liberian church community with legislators who have an interest in the Liberian community here in Des Moines.

The Iowa Capitol Project lies at the heart of the Church Ambassador Network - one of the non-political ministries of The Family Leader. The overall goal is to restore the biblical relationship between church and state, for throughout Scripture, God's kings and His Church are revealed in direct, though distinct, relationship. The Prophet Nathan and King David are excellent examples: Nathan was a friend to David, who invested in building a relationship with him, and when David stepped out of line, Nathan restored him. We see this relationship modeled with Elijah and Ahab, Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar, Joseph and Pharaoh, Jonah and the King of Nineveh, and so many more. It is a non-confrontational, non-partisan ministry of encouragement, prayer and evangelism.

Government's primary purpose is to commend good and punish evil, and yet government cannot determine good and evil on its own. That is why Pastor Michael and other ministers from around the State of Iowa travel to our Capitol throughout the spring to encourage and pray with our ministers in government. As missionaries in the civil arena, we know that government needs the Church to serve as its moral compass. Please note that below our Concerns List, a rotating list of legislators is printed each week. These are the legislators we would like you to pray for this week.

**Your March/April/May copy of the  
Daily Bread is available at the Welcome Center today!**

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